ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 4860 of the Migration Act 1958

This is the seventh s 4860 assessment on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 84 months (seven years). The previous assessment 1000173-O was tabled in Parliament on 10 May 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

| Name | Mr X |
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| Citizenship | Country A |
| Year of birth | 1962 |
| Ombudsman ID | 1000173-01 |
| Date of DIBP's report | 13 February 2017 |
| Total days in detention | 2,551 (at date of DIBP's report) |

Recent detention history

| Mr X remained in an immigration detention facility. | |
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| February 2017 | Mr X was released from immigration detention when he voluntarily departed Australia. |

Recent visa applications/case progression

| 26 September 2016 | The Federal Circuit Court (FCC) ordered that Mr X's three separate legal matters be consolidated. |
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| 24 October 2016 | Criminal Justice Stay Certificate cancelled. |
| 20 December 2016 | FCC dismissed Mr X's consolidated applications for judicial review and ordered that the injunction preventing his return to Facility B be dissolved. |
| 21 December 2016 | Applied to the Federal Court for judicial review of the FCC's decision. He also requested removal from Australia on the same day. |
| 13 January 2017 | The authorities of Country A issued Mr X with an emergency travel document. |
| 13 February 2017 | The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that it was working with Mr X to facilitate his removal from Australia. |

Health and welfare

Mr X attended counselling for the management of anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and a history of torture and trauma. He also received treatment for multiple physical health concerns, including type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

Case status

Mr X was released from immigration detention when he voluntarily departed Australia in February 2017.

The Ombudsman's previous assessment noted that Mr X had been awaiting an appointment with a specialist counselling service for more than six months and recommended that International Health and Medical Services follow up this referral as a matter of urgency. The Ombudsman also recommended that if capacity permits, the department consider transferring Mr X back to Facility E to be closer to his support network.

On 10 May 2017 the Minister noted the recommendations and advised that Mr X had voluntarily departed Australia.